

Transit Status and Planning

Presentation to the
Transportation Sub-Committee of the
Planning Commission

June 22, 2006



Milestones of the Commuter Bus Service

- 1974 - Sterling Commuter Bus chartered.
- 1974 - 1994 service operated by private group of citizens.
- 1989 - County subsidized private operation with gasoline tax funds and expanded service to western Loudoun.
- 1994 - County asked to operate service due to private operator financial issues.
- 2001 - Dulles North Transit Center opened.
- 2002 - Cascades service added.
- 2003 - Reverse Commute service added.
- 2004 - County purchased buses.
- 2006 - Planned Dulles South Expansion scheduled to begin operation.



Loudoun County Transit Commuter Bus Service

- **Currently operating 21 commuter coaches with more than 2,500 daily passenger trips**
- **Service from Purcellville, Hamilton, Leesburg, Dulles North Transit Center to Rosslyn, the Pentagon and Washington, DC**
- **Service from Broad Run Farms, Cascades and Lowes Island to West Falls Church Metro Station**
- **Service from West Falls Church Metro Station to the Campuses of AOL and Verizon and Beaumeade Circle**



LC Transit Statistics -FY2005

- **Annual Ridership - over 513,000 passenger trips**

(FY1995 – 45,000 passenger trips)

- **Annual Passenger Miles - over 17 million miles**

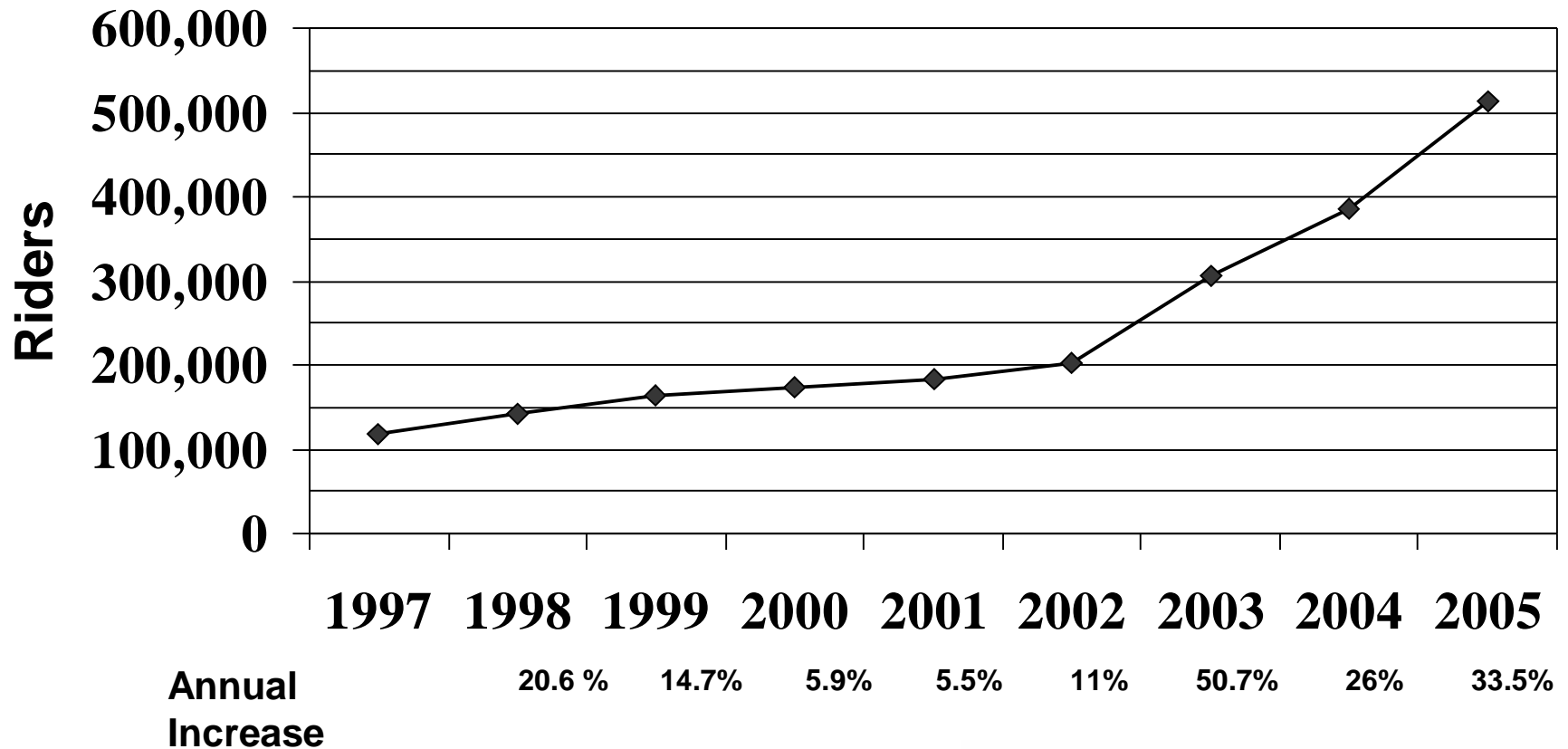
(equates to 678 trips around the world or 70 one-way trips to the moon)

- **13.1 Tons of NoX Emissions Saved**

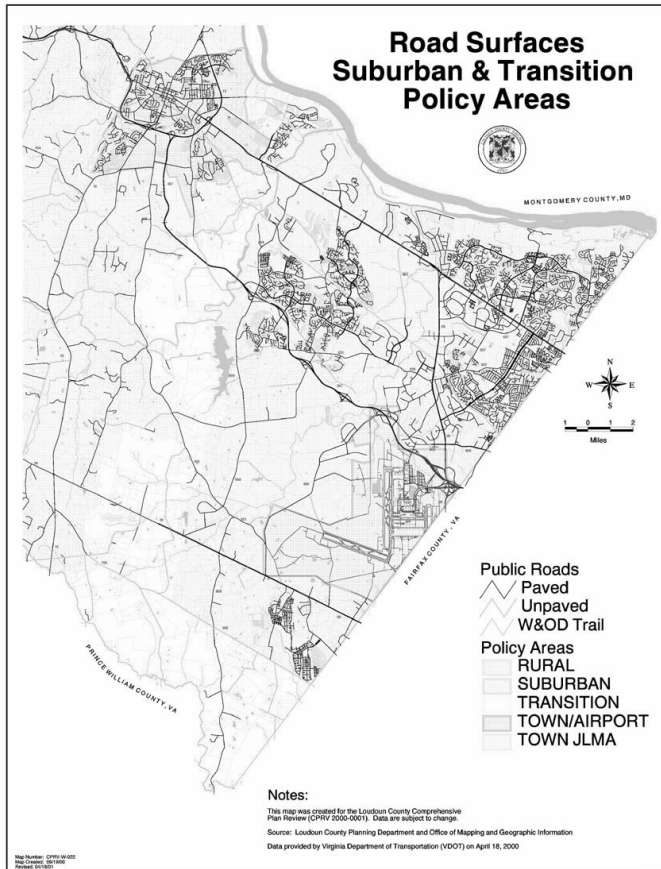


Source: National Transit Database
Report for FY2005 and Loudoun County Transit ridership data

Ridership Growth



Near Term Transit Plans



- Seven new commuter coaches (55 seats) on order (27 total in revenue service)
- Starting commuter service with 6 AM and 6 PM runs from Dulles South to Washington DC
- Expanding Reverse Commute service from WFC to HH/Lansdowne and to Leesburg

Funding sources for seven expansion buses

State Capital Assistance	\$2,083,900
Lease - Purchase	\$1,101,100
Total	\$3,185,000

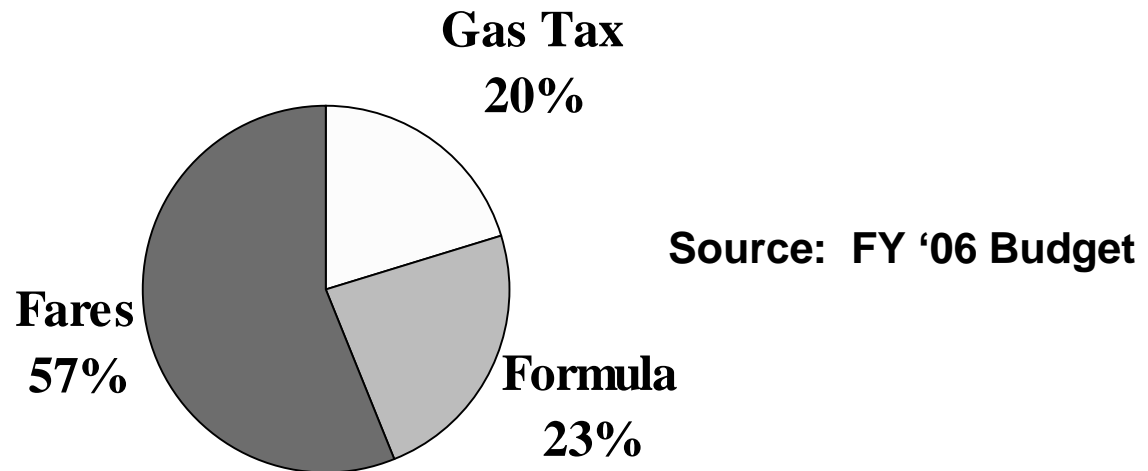


Financial operating plan for FY'07 with 27 buses in service

Operating Contract	\$ 2,844,681
Depreciation	\$ 1,188,540
Lease Purchase	\$ 668,419
Fuel	\$ 937,462
Insurance	\$ 53,940
Maintenance Oversight	\$ 44,640
Snow removal	\$ 38,000
Farebox related expense	\$ 48,360
Contingency	\$ 93,000
Total	\$ 5,917,042



Commuter Bus Funding Sources



	Fares	%	Gas Tax	%	State Formula	%	Total Expenses
FY '99	560,610	58.8%	392,769	41.2%	-	-	953,379
FY '00	695,297	54.5%	410,105	32.2%	169,680	13.3%	1,275,082
FY '01	759,640	55.1%	399,995	29.0%	219,760	15.9%	1,379,395
FY '02	835,109	49.9%	580,967	34.7%	256,072	15.3%	1,672,148
FY '03	1,168,588	53.0%	758,500	34.4%	277,338	12.6%	2,204,426
FY '04	1,626,303	59.0%	809,774	29.4%	344,181	12.5%	2,757,195
FY '05	1,861,611	55.8%	752,162	22.5%	724,359	21.7%	3,338,132
FY '06*	2,215,391	56.1%	805,141	20.4%	926,174	23.5%	3,946,706
* Budgeted							



Near Term Park and Ride Lots

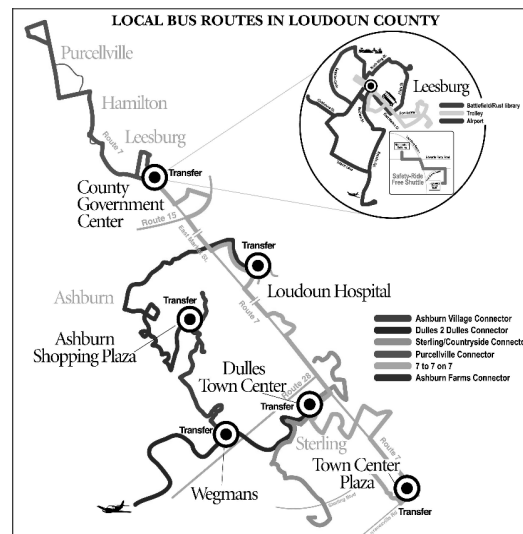
- Leesburg – 700 spaces, County property, Summer 2007
- Stone Ridge – Route 50, 250 spaces, developer proffer, Summer 2006
- Hamilton – Vol. Fire Dept. Social Hall – long term lease for joint use of parking spaces, Fall 2006
- Other prospects: Dulles Town Center; Catholic Church in Cascades; South Riding; Purcellville



Local Fixed Route Service

Operated by Virginia Regional Transportation Association
(VRTA)

- *7 to 7 on 7*
- Purcellville Connector
- Sterling/Countryside Connector
- Dulles 2 Dulles Connector
- Fixed Route Leesburg Service (3 routes)
- Ashburn Farm Connector
- Ashburn Village Connector



Other Items:

- Hub Relocation in the Town of Leesburg
- Permanent Hub/facility in Leesburg

April 2006 – nine fixed routes with 1,018 daily passenger trips – compared to 44 daily passenger trips in Sept. 2002 with one fixed route



Long Term Goals for Route 50 Corridor

- Acquire additional Park & Ride lots to serve South Riding, Braddock South Village, and Arcola Center
- Acquire additional commuter coaches
- Expand reverse commute service from WFC to employer sites in the corridor

